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#### Example and Precept.

We are not tired of approving the Hon. ELIHU ROOT'S opposition to the expansion of Federal power and his defence of State rights. His sentiments are sound. We hope that his votes in

the Senate will support them.

Where is the concordance of the Mr. ROOT who was the dry nurse of the corporation tax with the Mr. Root who speaks so feelingly of the overworked Federal Government?

and let bygones be bygones. It is needless to chide Mr. Root as an ungracious pastor until he shows next winter what he thinks of Mr. TAFT'S plans to give the Federal Government more overwork.

#### Parkburst and Lobbs.

We have a sufficient sense of selfpreservation to hide our opinion of voman suffrage, but we cannot hide our for at the appearance of our benign and gracious friend the Rev. Dr. CHARLES Princess of the days before sin and its protection.
suffragettes bothered the world. The Long ago the always silly plea that grace and charm of his style, his freedom from personalities and asperities his large, unfailing charity, his temper and his tongue of honey, all the gifts which have so endeared him to his felporpertine. And that English of his, so strange, so luminous, so lovely:

"The framework of sociological principle and

Standing within this framework of "trend" the Angelic Doctor of Manhattan sends the women about their busines and proclaims proudly his status:

"I have belonged to the male sex for more than ball a century."

So may he continue to the end! The hand of "Amazons" twitters and shrieks and skedaddles. Every man worthy of the name feels he is worthier of it, feels and knowing dares maintain. HURST regards "with sad indignation any female who will consent to stand seeds of sex antagonism."

Man is safe. It was the Maid of Kaw. DIADAMY K. LOBBS, who some twenty years ago put the trumpet to her mouth and blew that fell tune: "Man must be abolished." Man shall not be abolished. He shall not even be changed, amended and improved. For PARKHURST is man, and PARKHURST stands pat.

## Treaty.

The Cuban Government has given to the State Department in Washington an official assurance that the treaties being negotiated with Spain, Venezuela and Uruguay will in no way injure the trade rights enjoyed by the United States under the existing reciprocity treaty. The Department is alert, commendably or otherwise, to prevent any diminution in American sales of merchandise in lines in which our Cuban market is and for various reasons must be inconsiderable. It is well to protect American trade interests in he island by all reasonable methods, but it is not well to assume a dog in the manger attitude that will be prejudicial to our neighbor's interests.

Cuba's imports from Uruguay conmeat product which the American market does not supply and probably would not supply under any conditions. The Cuban purveyors of meat are themselves fighting the sale of the material ful if the consent of the Cuban Senate can be secured for any treaty proposing a cheaper rate of duty on tasajo. The principal import from Venezuela has been live cattle. This business may be counted on for a stubborn op- manian national and racial aspiration. position to any increased competition with their industry. Sales of American cattle in the Cuban market show a value of \$18,224 for 1908, and would be little or not at all affected even by an increase

in imports from Venezuela. Cuban imports from Spain form a special "institution" with special reasons for its existence. In their total they average in value about one-fifth of the ment in taste and custom in various purest Roman of modern Europe. matters of food, dress and ornament. few years of life under the admin- But across the boundaries of Austria-

wines, olive oil, sundry provisions, economic will do us no good and will work injury to the Cubans. As far as Cuba's trade with Spain

merchandise annually, little of which and population affected as that which would be bought in the American exists on the Adriatic. market in the natural course of trade. Cuba's sales to Spain average probably not more than 10 per cent, of its purchases from Spain. By the proposed convention a much larger trade opportunity in the Spanish market is offered to Cuba. Unless it can be clearly shown that the proposed convention will be an unreasonable injury to the really feeble efforts made by American traders and the French speaking district of to market their wares in Cuba, the United States should place no barriers in the Government should have plunged the Cubans into a deep financial hole. Much care should be exercised in any scheme that would tend to restrict the commerce of the people.

#### Furtive Justice.

It would be unreasonable and lacking in gratitude to criticise the Indiana Sheriff who in order to prevent the lynching of a prisoner by a mob arranged for a session of court at 2 o'clock in the morning and carried the accused man to court in secret. The Sheriff knew the temper of the community and took his measures accordingly. He prevented his fellow citizens from murdering the man entrusted to his care and saved his county from an exhibition of barbarity. Yet the incident is not of a kind to elate those who are fond of boasting of their country as "law abiding.

In a few years comparatively lynch law has become, from a creature of the dark served by masked and disguised men, an institution of broad daylight, boasted and advertised by its agents The night riders are known, the Cairc lynchers did not hide their identity, and if this Indiana Sheriff has set a right measure on the temper of his public it is plain that justice has been forced into print. HENRY PARKHURST dropping pear's and the position of doing its work by stealth diamonds from his lips like a Fairy and seeking the cover of midnight for

lynching was for only one crime ceased to be heard. The mob spares no man, regardless of his offence. Its "swift justice," frequently indefensible in fact as always in morals, is applied indislow citizens, stick out of his Thanksgiv- criminately for alleged misdeeds of posure that would satisfy most men but ing allocution like quills from the fretful every degree of seriousness. The In- is not enough for COLER. diana man saved by the Sheriff's strategy is accused of murder. For all the mob cared he might have been a chicken

The real meaning of the incident that the law must go about its business by circuitous paths, constantly in fear of the public from which it and its servants derive. Is that not a shame ful confession for any "civilized" community to make?

## A New Balkan Alliance.

Among the interesting prophecies his chest bulge out. PARKHURST is with based upon the regult of the recent visit him. PARKHURST knows man's rights. of FERDINAND of Bulgaria to Belgrade, forecasts a new if minor triple alliance, an agreement between Bulgaria, before a crowd of womanly women and Servia and Montenegro. An alliance of sow in their honest and eager hearts the this sort, however, is too naturally a consequence of Austrian action in Bosnia At last Kansas is answered and Mere and Herzegovina to arouse much comment. There is nevertheless occasion for at least passing notice in the recent rumor that this new grouping may be extended to include Rumania and thus assume the character of a movement for general Balkan solidarity.

For Rumania of course such an alliance with southern Slavs as is now suggested means a radical change of posi-The Spanish-Cuban Commercial tion. For ever since Rumanian aid to Russia in the Plevna campaign was paid for by Russia in the seizure of Rumanian territory in Bessarabia, Rumania has been reckoned a stanch and steadfast minor ally of the greater triplice. As such, moreover, she has been regarded by Austria and Germany as interposing a strong buffer State between Russia and the southern Slavs. The Rumanian army has been generally considered as fully capable of pro-

the main Russian forces would be occupied on the Polish frontier. If the well established policy of Ru-

mania has at last undergone a radical change, the reason is less hard to find than might be expected. The Rumanian alliance, implied if not actually sist mainly of "tasajo," a very inferior formulated with Austria, rested rather upon temporary sense of injury than permanent advantage. Precisely as French occupation four times drove Italy in the first transport of wrath into the Triple Alliance, the Russian action proceed to nibble.

Coffee and Rolls. the Triple Alliance, the Russian action with considerable vigor, and it is doubt- in Bessarabia turned Rumania in a similar direction. But the analogy continues good; Rumania, like Italy, with the passing of years has seen her own best interests lie in the other direction. Friendship for Russia she may never is declining through the restocking of feel, but in the downfall of the Austrian Cuban ranches, and Cuban cattle raisers | Empire lies the realization of the Ru-

Rumania of the present day represents a fragment of the greater Rumania which is the dream of all its inhabitants This greater Rumania represents the larger share of the ancient Roman province of Dacia. From the Roman soldiers and colonists of this province moreover, the Rumanians claim descent with insistence which has provoked ridicule from rival races. imports from the United States. They just or unjust the claim, the Rumanian represent a special and natural develop- regards himself as a Latin and the

Within the present kingdom of Ru-The Cubans are a Spanish people, some mania, made up of the provinces of Spanish born and many of Spanish Moldavia and Wallachia, there are apdescent. It is not to be expected that proximately six millions of Rumanians. etration of a Wood or a Magoon would Hungary in the provinces of Transyl-

destroy their preference for Spanish vanis and the Banat in Hungary and Bukovina in Austria are between three and millinery and dress goods; nor is it four millions of Rumanians. The terpossible to force a radical change in ritory they inhabit joins the Rumanian tastes and habits by insistence on a frontier along its whole northern extariff preference on American products, tent, and the frontier is a frontier An unwarranted interference with cus- founded upon political rather than toms that are social rather than purely racial or national reasons. Any disintegration of Austria might naturally be expected to result in the gain for Rumania of the Rumanians now outis concorned there is another side to side the kingdom. In a word, there the matter... Cuba buys from Spain is here an irredentism quite as real about \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 worth of for more extension in the territory

Nor does the case quite end with a mention of the racial situation. Not only are nearly three millions of Rumanians subjected to Hungarian rule, but this domination is a harsh and unpleasant yoke. The same spirit which prompts the Prussians to attempt to make Prussians of the Poles and Germans of the French inhabitants of Metz Lorraine drives the Hungarians to attempt to make Magvars of the Rumanway of an increase in Cuban exports. It ians of Transylvania. Here, as elseis quite enough that the provisional where, this effort to denationalize a race has failed, but not before it has roused the resentment of Rumanians

on both sides of the [Transylvanian Alps. The recent rumors of Balkan alliance may be baseless or accurate no information of them is possible, nor is there any present probability that any Balkan run in alliance will be publicly proclaimed. Of hemselves, however, the rumors have a certain significance. They seem to point toward a change in Balkan groupings and in Rumanian policy which is founded upon grounds that are easy to perceive and not hard to accept. The Rumanian attitude toward Austria-Hungary is little different from that of Italy, and Transylvania and Bukovina are quite as obvious causes for Rumanian hostility as the Trentino and Trieste are sources of irredentism. Evidently the full count of the consequences of the Austrian aggression in Bosnia and Herzegovina has not yet been taken.

### The Last Gasp for Notoriety.

Only a few days more of the limelight remain for BIRD S. COLER, and he yearns to crowd them with notoriety. On January 1 his period will have ended and the glad round of publicity will be over. For twelve years he has known his highest joy, seeing his name in

It mattered little to him how he got into the talk of the day. With credit, with discredit, as a serious person, as a cheap poser; all was one to him. Lately he has enjoyed the attention of the Commissioners of Accounts, with results accurately anticipated by all who know him. Their left handed ministrations to vanity have ceased with an ex-

He wants a trial. He longs to be removed from office. He is eager for more of that kind of advertising which most men would avoid. It is improbable that he will be gratified. His little eccentricities are too many and too involved for human agency to tackle. He will be forced to retire to private life with a record no more fragrant than the one he has already achieved.

WEBSTER, centre of the cadet team, was burt in a scrimmage and is unconscious. THOMPSON, left guard for Davidson, sustained a fractured nose. The game was rough, but the weather excellent.—From a report of a football game at Lynchburg.

What more could the spectators ask?

The Hon. WILLIAM DUDLEY FOULKE, the complete Hoosier letter writer, must not be discouraged. Let Mr. Toors be an exemplar and a beacon to him

It is plain to all thinking people that this is a weak link in our chain of Government which needs strengthening. The Hon. ALBERT JEREMIAR HEYERIDGE. How do you know what is plain to think-

ing people?

No sceptic would want to get posses of Dr. Cook's Arctic observations in transit to Denmark to suppress them. Every unbeliever desires to have them examined by the University of Copenhagen without delay. It is the hope of believers and sceptics alike that the records will not be mislaid or lost over-

The time will come when other men now bit-terly opposed to JOSEPH G. CANNON will feel as do the men who voted and who spoke against President LINCOLN.—Representative HENRY SHER-MAN BOUTELL, of Illinois.

As a standard of comparison ABE LIN-COLN is terribly overworked.

A Legend About the Late Herman Oelrich TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Many Inter esting stories of late come from the sea about man eating sharks, and constantly the name of the late Herman Oelrichs appears. He is said to hav tecting the integrity of the kingdom in offered a large amount in wager that there were no man eating sharks in these waters. This story is not true; one was caught off Sandy Hook, put in the New York Aquarium, and Mr. Oeirichs wen with a party of friends, including the writer, t see it. The superintendent said to Mr. Oeiricht You can swim in the tank if you wish," when Mr Oeirichs replied, "All this talk about my makin, a wager that there are no man eating sharks i these waters is all bosh. "I never said it."

## Dwindling Breakfast Rolls

NEW YORK. November 26.

C. D. L.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Have y noticed how the breakfast roll is shrinking. shrinking. Were this to happen in England the NEW YORK. November 26.

Sorrows of a Sensitive Ear. Far down the yellowing avenue The sun shone yellower than the trees. And summer, flying southward, blew A backward kiss upon the breeze. So down the sunshine's moted stream I drifted, musing, far away; A voice broke quavering through my dream "Oh, ain't it elegant to-day!"

I heard a piping, sweet and clear, Come stealing up the fields of time. And goat foot Pan, another year, Was piping in another clime I followed, followed where he led
Through daisled field and templed wood, Until another follower said, "His lips are puckered pretty good.

A roaring tide of Life rolled by. A throbbing murmur rose and fell. There was no more a you or I Than single wave beats in a shell. I floated, part of that strange ses. Exultant in its swaying rush, Until I dwindled into me At "Mercy! What an awful crush!

And so it goes; I've never sought To soar above this present sphere But that a jarring note has brought Me plunging back to now and here. I have no hope; for when I die And near the blessed promised land. I know some other soul will sigh "Them harps is simply something grand!" GORTON CARRUTE.

ng Republican News of Chairman Slemp and the Outlesia

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 'I have just seen a clipping credited to your paper entitled "Did Taft Fail in Virginia?" seems more in the nature of criticism of State Chairman Slemp than an newspaper conditions in Virginia. the incorrectness of the references to Mr. Slemp is so garing that I can hardly imponent or by some one entirely unfamiliar origin of the conditions in Virginia, and therefore

relying upon misinformation. Chairman Siemp needs no commendation in Virginia from friends, his during the Boer war. These diam an injustice, I desire to give you some in As to Mr. Slemp, personally and politi-

Institute, the West Point of the South, with that institution for sixty years, he studied law and was admitted to practise. Shortly thereafter he became interested in coal which can only approximately be ind lands in Kentucky and there made a fortune. His father, Colonel Campbell Slemp, being drafted to take up the foriorn cause of age, which is evident from th ocal organizations where none existed ganizations where they did exist. After the most thoroughly organized campaign the State since the civil war, by the efforts of young Slemp success crowned the efforts: only then to be snatched away by methods then in vogue on the part of Demo returns. Not to be outdone the Stemps employed the best legal talent to be had and went before the Court of Appeals and required the vote to be counted as cast, and the certificate of election was awarded to Colonel Slemp. After that time Colonel Slemp held the district by increased majorities until his death when with one vote ties until his death, when with one voice the Republicans of the district, in recogni-tion of the great work of the son, unan-mously called C. B. Slemp to represent

tion of the great work of the son, unanimously called C. B. Slemp to represent them

As State Chairman Mr. Slemp has given freely of his time and means to the party. In 1906 the Fifth Virginia district was almost captured, the Democratic nominee winning by something over 100 majority. Knowing the 1908 election would surely spell defeat, the Democratic State Legislature gerrymandered the district by taking therefrom the strongest Republican county, usually counted on for 500 or 600 Republican majority. Nevertheless the fight went on under State Chairman Slemp's direction, with the result that on the face of the returns the Democratic candidate had about eighty majority. This election is being contested, and we feel there is every reason to expect the Republican candidate's claim to be so strongly shown as to cause him to be seated.

In Virginia, we have many conditions

In Virginia we have many conditions to meet. In the first place we have had to bear the result of prejudice handed down from father to son over reconstruction, with which we had nothing to do. It is a State of strong sentiment and prejudice. The negro question was ever uppermost until the Constitution of 1901 disfranchised them; and the Democratic machine, to make up for the fear of inability to win upon prejudice and other methods, adopted an election law probably without parallel in the Union. After a man passes the requirements of partisan registrars he must have three years poil tax personally paid three years prior to the election at which he offers to vote. The ballot which he is expressly forbidden by law to have seen prior thereto, and the chances are that he may not correctly mark same, even though a not correctly mark same, even though business man; and unless registered prio to 1904 or suffering from physical infirmit

With the exception of a few of the mountain counties every officer is a Democrat, from supervisor of roads to Circuit Judge. This army of our opponents is ever alert, and at work for the party, save and except the Judge of the court. The law requires the Treasurer of the county to post notice of those who have paid poll tax after the time has expired within which a man can qualify, and that is the only means by which we can learn whether or not our people have qualified. The Democratic treasurers quite naturally see that their own people pay up in time.

As to the election officers, each of the three members of each electoral board is a Democrat tunless, as has occurred once or

octat (unless, as has occurred once or because of some factional troubles in lemocratic party, a Republican may be inted and serve one term), and there

Periodrat (unless, as has occurred once or twice because of some factional troubles in the Democratic party, a Republican may be appointed and serve one term), and there or clerks. Usually there are two indeed and serve one term), and there fore we have no say as to the election judges or clerks. Usually there are two indeed and serve one term, and the precipitation of the precipitati they may seem, do not dismay us. We know that the people of Virginia are fast becoming weary of old conditions; that they are year after year coming to believe in Republican principles. The Republican organization in Virginia is composed of men who understand and are thoroughly in touch with conditions and who are not Federal o'liceholders. The organization is elected by the party tovictory and not because of influence at 'the pie counter' or 'ability to shake the plum tree." We have just opened and intend to continue permanent headouarters. Whereas we now have not one Republican daily newspaper of Stafewide circulation, and but three small dailies of limited circulation, with eight or ten weekly papers, efforts are being made to establish a good strong independent State daily, and viewing the great 'stay at home' Democratic vote in the recent election we believe the future holds out much encouragement and we now begin the fight with hope. Meeting the onslaught of twenty-flye Democratic daily newspapers and a hundred weekly Democratic newspapers must and will be done.

Allow me to say that I have sometimes heard the statement made that some Northern States to become Republican because 'a solid Republican North." However, I am sure this is a mistake.

State Secretary.

ROANOKE, Va., November 24.

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## The Mixed Situation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNreply to your question "Did Taft Fail in Virginia?" I will ask you, "Did Mann win in Virginia?" The old line Democrats voted for Kent. The churches supported Mann, eliminating politics.

We are up against the real thing in Roan. we are up against the real thing in Roanoke. Our daily papers publish nothing
unless it is on their side of the fence. We
had a local option election on October 30,
and the wets won by 62 in a total of
3,000 votes. Hagerstown and Washington
county voted on the same issue with a majority of over 2,006 for the wets.
Why will our papers not publish the facts?

J.T. PRIKES.

ROANOKE, Va., November 25.

## The Angelie Dector.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT the newspapers some months ago that Dr. Park-hurst had resigned his position as an officer of a society for the prevention of crime in this city, and that he gave as his reason for doing so that he had other work to do and would have no time for that philanthropy. I judge from his recent utterances in his pulpit and in the newspaper to which he is a regular contributor that the time he formerly spent for the good of the city is now consumed in studying the dictionary for words sufficiently strong and abusive to fit the characters which he says are possessed by those women

who want to vote.

Now, I am not, or, more correctly. I have not been heretofore, especially interested in the question of votes, but I do think that a man who has not something better and nobler to occupy his time and his mind than publicly trying to tear to pieces the characters of women who want to vote, is not the kind of man any woman-be sh vote, is not a kind of man any woman—be she suffragist or anti-suffragist—could respect. Dr. Parkhurst's bitter, malignant words have changed me from an indifferent spectator to an active partisan. I feel that I owe it to my sex to stand up with them in the face of such unmerited and upwalled for abuse. ncalled for abuse. MAR NRW YORK, November 26. MARGARET MOLLONE.

Sure Sign of Winter. The lamps are lighted early. The air is raw and chill, The trees are almost leafless, The wind blows with a will The year is growing old is that my daily mo

POLITICS IN VIRGINIA: OTHER HALP OF THE CULLINAN. Large Diamends Still to Be Found

Africa-Kaffirs' Buried Treasure. From the Scientific American. original stone of which the Cullinan was a portion has been found in the possession of the Kaffirs of the Magatos tribe in Zout your pansberg. The dimensions of this second and Cullinan stone have been given as 4,323

karats.

This story has been denied by the Tran agine other than one of two things: that vaai Department of Mines, and an official the article was written by a partisan op- of the treasury in Pretoria states that the ties of diamonds were buried by con of the celebrated chieftain's wife great political and business ability are too returned to Kimberley. But these treasures well known here; but feeling that you could are lost, for the Kaffirs who buried them are have no desire to do him or our party here | dead and search for them has been without

ssibility of finding still larger stor than the Cullinan in the soil of Sc is, however, by no means remote. G. A. Molengraaff, professor of mineralogy in the Technical High School at Delft, recently stated that the Cullinan is only a portion of a much larger stone, the origin Four pieces must have been the original stone by natural crystal cleavleading the Republicans of the Ninth dis-trict to victory where others had failed, the son jumped into the saddle and rode from ural end planes (called "nijf" in the language county to county and precinct to precinct of the diamond workers) are only partially

The Cultinan consists of a single crystal; or of twin lamellæ; it is completely transparent and colorless. Its transparency can best be compared with that of very pure ice or with the c of opal known in the mineral kingdom as hyalite principally consisting of silicic acid). It is true that the Cuilinan contains a few impurities in the shape of enclosed grain also some internal cleavages of fragmentary character, called "glessen" in the Dutch dis eir situation is such that they do not injure the value of the stone as a of all large precious stones hitherto found.

The question now arises whether there a possibility of finding the pieces broken off by crystal cleavage. That they can predict whether they are now in diam formed, as is known, at great depths in the molten, basic, plutonic magma of the earth. (The so-called formed at a later period from this rock.) The carbon was pressure and at the very high temperature prevailing at these depths, depo

molten rock in the form of diamonds. During the volcanic discharges of the upward with tremendous force, and the very great friction to which the mass was exposed during its passage through one according to crystallographic laws to which we have referred. It is ther ble that the broken off fragments of the Cullinan are scattered over wide space and that they may one day found on the surface of the earth. it is just as possible that they are still reposing in the depths of the mines Sir William Crookes has also lately expressed the opinion that the Cullinan is the smaller portion of an octahedron broken

by crystal cleavage.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser. In esjerday's Sun appeared a letter by Mr. which he attacked the Liberal party and its apparent contra peerage. This is the second occasion thi onth that Mr. Baritz has unjustifiedly nd virulently attacked the Liberal party It is strange that though he seems to be so well informed regarding British political affairs he nevertheless does not know that tomary for the Prime Minister to create a number of peers. How could Lord Loreburn have been Lord Chancellor unless h sary that there should be a Liberal occu

# TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Apropos f your editorial article in yesterday's SUN en-sted "An Italian General," permit me to tell of

a little incident that occurred during the pagear of sixty years.

The different groups from various parts of the empire were quartered in the Prater. The Grand Duke of Tuscany, an Austrian nobleman, I believe, visiting the people, came to the group representing listria and Trieste. He remarked:

"You are Italians, are you not?" "No," answered their leader. "We are Italian speaking Austrians."

Possibly you are not aware of this little sent nent. A GERMAN SPRAKING AUSTRIAN. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 25.

## Beethoven's Last Days.

From the London Graphic.
Beethoven had troubles besides the s deafness. Throughout his life the conduct of his brothers irked and grieved him, and when on death of one of them he adopted his orphaned son, that nephew's outrageous conduct broke his heart. Then he felt the sting of pov-erty. Dying, he would have lacked the very necessaries of, a waning life had it not been for the Philharmonic Society of England. The as never boasted of the fact, but a fact it is that a douceur of one hundred pounds sen by them to Beethoven, at his last gasp, made

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I consider that an explanation is due the public from the management of the New Theatre as to why the singing of "Le Barbiere di Siviglia," an opera in two acts, scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock P. M., occupied three and a half hours, or until 5:30 'clock P. M. · I have heard this opera sixteen times and love it

but have no such long time to spend on a single love.

W. M. FALCONER. NEW YORK, November 26.

# Has New York the Evil Eye?

TO THE EDITION OF THE SUN—Str: The business managers of Signora Paladino probably now realize that they made a grave error in launching her upon her American career in the city of New York. Had they been wise in such matters they would have borne in mind the fate of Dowle and NEW YORK, November 25.

A British Inventor Gravelled King Arthur had just invented the Re "Fine!" they cried: "but can you invent a burea

which would have as many drawers for a h Sadly he confessed himself incapable

Stella-Two is a company and three

THE NICARAGUA ROW.

Cold Reflections on "Outrages" Against

Americ TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: the Gulf ports, especially here in Mobile, where communication with Central Amerfruit steamers, there is a disposition to which for several days past have filled Wash with the hubbub of warlike prepara All sorts of rumors prevail of you must appraise your rumor in the light of knowledge as to its source at ympathies and aspirations under which it was hatched. One paper says:

There is enough bad feeling in Nicaragua against Americans to make us suspect that the main offence was that Groce and Cannon were

Why are Americans so unpopular in Nicaragua? There may be food for thought

When Mr. Hay was Secretary of State he once wrote to a "newspaper man" of his acquaintance apropos of a threatene

and falling to collect 50 per cent. on their inves irry home to the United States. es from the rear platform of the the way from New Orleans to Washington an

amation about the swarm of adventurers and usurers who were then afflicting Hawaii. He served fair notice that alleged Amer ican citizens who invaded the Sandwich group with their various schemes and catchenny bonanzas, operating under the local Government and deriving their existence from the local laws, need expecno support from Washington in case amiable conspiracies went awry. He did not propose to assemble fleets and armies to carry out sordid bargains

The country has heard of these bleeding Americans in Central America; in Vene ploits of diplomacy have been achieved in their behalf. Prodigious threats have bee contrived at Washington to cover their usurious contracts and stuff their wallets. The question is whether we are on the eve of repeating these frowsy triumphs in Nicaragua. The United States does not like Zelaya. The reason is evident enough After all, however, Nicaragua belongs to the Nicaraguans, and how do we know that more to our fancy? Are there no "American citizens" living and prospering unde Zelaya's rule -men who are contented and who do not vociferate? I venture to say there are some, perhaps as many as there are on the other side, the difference being and the other kind not until it is hurt. Who nows? Under ordinary circumstances who need care?

MOBILE, November 24.

#### IF WOMEN COULD VOTE, What the Effect Would Be Upon a Society New False and Snobl

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "AI dmirer of Women," who opposes woman suffrage in a letter to THE SUN of Novem per 25, is a good example of what Horace neant when he coined the phrase fair sex too much is that we will not allow traits of character as constantly as it concorrespondent says:

but he knows it is so. He knows it, and you can ee that he knows it. A woman, on the other and, may be a thief or a liar, and she does no know it, and no power on earth can make he

know it or see it.
"Wild liberty," says Emerson in his es say on politics, Want of liberty by strengthening law and decorum stupefies conscience." I think your correspondent, despite his "fifty years of experience," will find that the wor Emerson are a good interpretation of that experience. Few people realize that the interpretation of experience correctly is quite as important as experience mirer of Women" acknowledges his igno-rance of this salient fact when he says: "I

wen, which is and has always been shad he average man.
Lucretia Mott, at the very first woman's rights convention assembled in this country a good many years ago, told her hearers that they were launching a cause which would find in the besotted opposition of its own victims its deadliest foe. That has not ceased to be true to-day.

H. S. Howard.

An Avowal by One of Them To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The etter on woman suffrage in THE SUN of November 25, written by a bud, flower fruit of the human race and signed "An Admirer of Women," compels me in gratitude to reply-in gratitude to one man who at last understands woman as she really is. Don't tell me that it is a case of concealed suffragette and a twentieth century shortest way with dissenters. I insist, like the fox again, in taking "Admirer seriously and in telling him something else known hitherto only to women. It is true that women—"brutes, liars, snobs" as they are—never acknowledge their true inwardness, but there is a reason. We have to fool the buds, the flowers and the fruits. Else how could we get them to do what we want them to do, what they should do, and what in the end they always do?

Give us the vote and we shall no longer need to employ our classic weapon, indirection. Give us the vote and we will proclaim from the housetops the deep damnation of our natures and walk through life arm and arm with man, openly, avowedly, unshamedly, brutes, liars, snobs.

New York, November 26. Found Out. at last understands woman as she really is

Poet's Search for Huguenot Treasure From the London Evening Standard.

Great excitement prevails in the village of lontchauvet, snear Mantes, about an hour's purney from Paris, where the poet Jean Riche-

oin has a chateau called the Castle of the Fountains. The castle was built early in the twelfth century, and it is believed that at the beginning of the seventeenth a large colony of Huguenous who lived there then were com-pelled before leaving the country to bury their treasure. No actual treasure has ever been freasure. No actual treasure has ever been found, but a little while ago some swords and daggers of the Huguenot period were dug up, and all this week a gang of eight workmen have been hard at work on M. Richepin's ground. They have dug to a depth of thirty feet, and their operations are guided by several old manuscripts which the poet recently discovered in a disused

room of the old castle.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SUN'S report of the meeting of women before the Legislative Charter Committee it is stated that any of the women went away when it became vident that there would be no fireworks.

As one of the interested spectators I failed to see the departure of any during the discussion, except some of the professional women, who could not devote more time to the hearing.

On the contrary the audience increased so that it became necessary to bring in extra chairs.

(Mrs.) Ross S. BRUNNER.

NEW BOOKS

Norsh Might Have Been Omitted. Mr. Horace Annesley Vachell's story "A Drama in Sunshine" (R. F. Fenno & Company) has its scene in California. Is is a vigorous and interesting tale. The Rev. Abner Fish is a good character to begin with. He held his own with the arcastic scoffer who was dying. The scoffer's brother, the redoubtable Dennis Fabian, who wielded millions of money did not get the better of Mr. Fish Damaris, the disowned and rejected child. was most competently and tenderly cared for by this good man who served the world

spiritually. It was another good man, though a man uite different from Mr. Fish, who married Damaris after Mr. Fish was no more. The reader will like Chillingworth, the keen lawyer, the honest lover, the strong man of enterprise. Chillingworth had sharp experience with Mellish, the Irish squatter. Mellish was not a little and perhaps he was altogether mad. Certainly with his double barrelled gun, oaded with buckshot, he would have made an end of the lawyer if the latter, most definitely compelled to strong action in the case, had not been a shade quicker with his revolver. It was unfortunate about the girl

Norah O'Connor. Mellish was her lover. and of course he was lost to her after the encounter with Chillingworth. She might have survived that particular deprivation without loss of her reason, but all the male O'Connors, her near relatives, were made an end of owing to the fact that they were thoroughly bstinate squatters, bound to adventure themselves beyond reason and beyond the possibility of continued animation in their opposition to the lawful powers of the Sheriff. It was doubtless because she was mad that she associated herself with Red Pat and dwelt with that fellow maniac in a cave and helped Pat to set fire to the country in a dry season, and after the lynching of Pat sought to slav Chillingworth in his sleep, a "near" catastrophe the extremity of which was obviated by Damaris, who though jealous threw herself upon her husband's body and received in her own person the dagger thrust that was inended for his heart.

The characteristic and estimable powers of Mr. Vachell are manifested. it must be said, in those parts of the story in which Norah is not concerned. There is abundant cleverness and interest in what is narrated of the temptation of Chillingworth by Joan, Dennis Fabian's handsome daughter, who under stress of her emotions was willing to forget that she was engaged to an Italian Prince. We cannot forbear from saying particularly that the Prince is reasonably and attractively pictured-a concession, it may be, to the possibilities

#### The Overpowering Lure of Egypt. In Mr. Robert Hichens's story of "Bella

Donna" (J. B. Lippincott Company Philadelphia) the pity lies in the fact that Nigel Armine was an idealist beyond the plainest limitations. He had stored up in Egypt a supply of outdoor health that was disastrous to him when he returned with his possibilities c. emotion to London. There was every reason why he should have known that Mrs. Chepstow, who was Bella Donna (dissuading medicinal name), was not a person to be trusted with the custody of a sensitive maculine heart. But it was not his nature to be quite judicial and

discerning. In his hotel bed room in London, in the small hours of a summer night, he sat contemplating his strong brown feet. Their color had been acquired in the sun smitten African sands, and the study of them was convenient for him at this time, for he wore only his nightgown. He looked at his feet, "then felt them, thumped them, and rejoiced in the glory of health." So much may be held to view that attribute liberally. It was way of enjoying himself. But it was not reasonable for him to suppose that his powers of generous affection could re-form Mrs. Chepstow, who had achieved the age of 42 and undergone much devious

experience of the world. If that eminent London physician Dr. Meyer Isaacson had been a far less subtle observer than he was he would still probably have been able to make out the facts in Mrs. Chepstow's case. To say the truth, these were known to all London; had rendered her indeed what is known as "notorious." Nevertheless the doctor applied his acutest powers to the matter and so arrived at a professional and a conscientious as well as a plain conclusion. He remarked her regular and strong pulse; her abiding habit of not being embarrassed. "He gazed at her steadily with a scrutiny which was almost cruel." She told him that she was 38, but he saw "the tiny wrinkles near her eyes, the slight hardness about her cheekbones, the cynical droop at the corners of her mouth," and knew very well that she was 42. Of course he knew that she was not of a tender and plastic nature. That is why he feared for the enterprise of hisfriend Armine, who was going to marry

That credulous young man thought of her as a slightly and pathetically drooping vine that had been tragically deprived and that needed for a happy resuscitation exactly the affection that he was qualified to afford. His surprise was illimitable and painful to be borne because of what happened shortly after they were married and after Mr. Hichens had conveyed them to that favored land from which Moses was so willing to escape. Notwithstanding that the dark pigmentation of Armine's feet was acquired in Egypt, "there was in his face a peculiarly straight and bright look that suggested the North and Northern things, the glitter of stars upon snows, cool summits of mountains swept by pure winds, the scented freshness of pine forests." Doubtless these matters have their recommendations, but at page

108 we come to Baroudi. This captivating Oriental had mighty shoulders and a neck that looked as powerful as a bull's. Moreover, he had wide and ardent nostrils, and his eyebrows, ascending sharply from the inner to the outer extremities, had all the wicked appearance of those of Mephistopheles in the play. Repeatedly we read of the splendor of his throat, as for instance: "He leaned a little more forward, put up his big hand to his cheek, let it drop down to his splendid throat and kept the fingers inside his soft turn down collar while he looked into her eyes." They were Mrs. Armine's eyes. She had decked herself with nice care for this meeting. When she had commanded with impatient en thusiasm: "Get me into my gown! Wait-change my stockings first," her French maid had smiled as she bent her head to

attend to the stockings. Baroudi had his own quiet way of sarasm. When Mrs. Armine asked him what he thought of the male English he sat up straight and threw out his chest and thumped it. "Beef, plum pudding, fine